NOTICE OF TITLE V AIR QUALITY PERMIT APPLICATION AND DRAFT PERMIT

The South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) has received and reviewed the application for a Title V air quality permit for the following applicant:

APPLICANT NAME: NorthWestern Energy

FACILITY LOCATION: Highmore, South Dakota

The Title V air quality permit will allow the operation of the following processes and units:

List of Permitted Equipment

| | | Maximum |
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| Identification | Description | Operating Rate |
| Unit #1 | 1947 Fairbanks – Morse diesel engine - generator, model number 38D 8-1/8 / 889206. The engine is fired with distillate oil. | 675 kilowatts heat output or 7 million Btus per hour heat input |
| Unit #2 | 1969 Fairbanks – Morse diesel engine - generator, model number 38D 8-1/8 / 969513. The engine is fired with distillate oil. | 1,360 kilowatts heat output or 13 million Btus per hour heat input |
| Unit #3 | 1971 Fairbanks – Morse diesel engine - generator, model number 38TD 8-1/8. The engine is fired with distillate oil. | 2,750 kilowatts heat output or 27 million Btus per hour heat input |

A review of this facility indicates it can operate in compliance with South Dakota's Air Pollution Control rules and the federal Clean Air Act. DENR, therefore, recommends that the Board of Minerals and Environment issue this operating permit with conditions to ensure compliance with SDCL 34A-1 and the federal Clean Air Act.

In accordance with the Administrative Rules of South Dakota (ARSD) 74:36:05:17, any person desiring to comment on DENR's draft permit must submit written comments to the address below within thirty days of this public notice. Comments may be directed to the following mailing address: PMB 2020; Department of Environment and Natural Resources; Division of Environmental Services; Air Quality Program; 523 East Capitol, Joe Foss Building; Pierre,

South Dakota 57501. DENR will consider and address all comments submitted, and issue a final permit decision pursuant to ARSD 74:36:05:18. DENR will notify the applicant and each person that submitted written comments or requested notice of DENR's final permit decision, including notification of any changes to the permit based on the comments.

Any person desiring to contest the issuance of this permit and have a contested case hearing must file a petition, which complies with ARSD 74:09:01:01. This petition must be filed either within thirty days of this public notice or, if that person submits comments on DENR's draft permit pursuant to the paragraph above, within thirty days of receiving notice of DENR's final permit decision. Upon receipt of a petition, DENR will schedule this matter for a contested case hearing before the Board of Minerals and Environment.

If no comments or objections are received within thirty days of this public notice, the draft permit becomes the final permit decision and the proposed permit will be submitted to EPA for review.

Copies of DENR's draft permit and other information may be obtained from Keith Gestring, Natural Resources Engineer, at the above address or telephone (605) 677-6165.

Steven M. Pirner, Secretary Department of Environment and Natural Resources